

## Tener Keeps Up With Inside Baseball

Governor May Abandon Public Life to Head the National League—Former Governor Mills, of New Mexico, Is a Baseball Notable.  
By JOHN E. WRAY

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 12.—Fans who question the likelihood of Gov. John K. Tener of Pennsylvania becoming the next president of the National League base their arguments on the governor's own denial that he's a candidate for the office and on the fact that his term as executive of Pennsylvania has over a year to run.

They seem to think that the resignation of the governor from his present position to take a commercial proposition—yes, that's what baseball has become—is ridiculous.

Once upon a time it would have been. But today? Well, \$25,000 a year as compared to \$10,000 will wipe out a world of illusions about the glory of holding public office.

**Need Not Resign Office?**  
However, Tener's acceptance would not compel him to quit the governorship until his term officially expired, say National League club owners. It has been arranged to have secretary Hoyder serve as acting president until Jan. 1, 1916, when Tener is through as governor.

What Pennsylvania will say about a public official being even the nominal head of a private enterprise remains to be seen.

**Not "Running for Office."**  
Tener's denial of his candidacy is purely formal. He will, the writer has it on the authority of one close to the head of the league, take the position if it is unanimously agreed by all the owners in the league that he is wanted. He is not "running for the office," and is not an opponent of Thomas Lynch, the incumbent, nor of Brown of Louisiana, who was being groomed for the job.

Owners of the National have practically arranged this and Tener's strength will be thrown to Tener.

**The Man for the Job.**  
The National League could not put its hand on a better man for the office than Tener. His ability to fill the

office is unquestioned. In addition to administration of executive ability in public life, he has maintained a deep interest in baseball. During the world's series he was a guest of Harry Herrmann, president of the National commission, at all of the games, and his up-to-the-minute comments started Herrmann. In fact, the Pennsylvania executive showed knowledge of present day baseball that was built up on a foundation established by himself more than 25 years ago as a big league baseball player.

**Tener a Former Pitcher.**  
While pitching semi professional baseball around Pittsburgh in the '80s, Tener was discovered by Adrian C. Anson, captain, manager and batting giant of the Chicago White Stockings. Tener was signed and in 1888 he made a tour of the world with the team. Tener pitched, played the outfield and acted as treasurer of the organization. In 1889 he was at his best, and after a winning season in the box he filled in for Capt. Anson at first base when the latter was injured.

In 1890 Tener was with the Pittsburgh Brotherhood team, and within a short time became active in politics. He became a congressman, and in 1910 was elected governor of Pennsylvania on the Republican ticket.

**Many Notables in Baseball.**  
Governor Tener is more than six feet tall and in his baseball days was one of the biggest men in the game.

In taking the office of president of the National League, Gov. Tener would be establishing no precedent for the advent of men prominent politically in the national game. The first president of the National League was Morgan G. Bulkeley, a United States senator and also a governor of Connecticut.

Former justice William H. Moody, former governor William J. Mills, of New Mexico, former congressman John T. Hunt and many others conspicuous in national affairs have been identified with baseball.

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